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# ARMY BILL READY FOR HOUSE TO-DAY

Speculation Still Rife as to  
President's Acceptance of  
Roosevelt's Volunteers.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The selective conscription bill after numerous vicissitudes is at last on the way to certain final passage and presentation to the President. The conference today came to complete agreement with regard to every feature and the bill will be reported to-morrow in the House with a right of way for its instant consideration and later in the Senate with similar

which opinion is credited with aiding sentiment causing the reversal of House's action.

## WAR TIME NAVY BILL

Number of Bluejackets to Be  
Increased by 150,000.


WASHINGTON, May 15.—The Administration bill for the increase of enlisted personnel of the navy and Marine Corps to marine strength is passed by Senate to-day without a roll call.

Under the terms of the measure number of bluejackets will be increased from 5,000 to 150,000 and the marine force from 17,400 to 20,000.

The measure, which now goes to conference, contains provisions for increasing the pay to conform with rates provided for the army.

The bill was before the Senate only a short while. In the course of the discussion Senator McCumber of Nebraska offered an amendment pro-

There is still only speculation as to how the President will act with regard to mobilizing the force and along with it the tremendous personality of Theodore Roosevelt and his political friends. It is not entirely certain that the President will take himself of the privilege which the bill grants him, but he may well open to the public the question of the charge that the exigencies of politics have influenced his decision. On the other hand, he may avail himself of the authorization to mobilize the force in advance of the war, and thus avoid the criticism and overlook Col. Roosevelt. Nevertheless the members of both the



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